



Maryland Agriculture Data



Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Humid, Wet Weather Hampers Vegetable Harvest

Showers, with high humidity, covered most of Maryland resulting in 4.1 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending August 10, 2003. Air temperatures averaged in the 80's for highs and in the 70's for overnight lows. Many areas received 1 to 2 inches of rain with most coming toward the end of last week.

Frequent showers have increased disease pressure on **vegetables**, especially melons. Hay and vegetable harvest is difficult due to waterlogged fields. Current weather conditions are making it hard to spray soybeans. Insect pressure is increasing on **corn** and **soybeans**, especially leaf hopper in soybeans. Over 30 percent of the soybeans are blooming and a few early planted fields are setting pods. Topsoil moisture was restored in some areas to help with corn filling. One-fourth of the corn is in the dough stage and a few fields are in the dent stage of development.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Harvesting Progress:				
Cantaloups	40	23	67	62
Lima Beans (Processed)	15	10	22	28
Snap Beans	52	47	67	62
Sweet Corn	55	41	59	63
Watermelons	27	19	46	43
Crop Progress				
Corn, silked	82	77	91	93
Corn, dough	25	16	65	54
Soybeans, bloomed	34	17	74	62
Tobacco, bloomed	32	20	70	75
Hay Harvested				
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting	93	81	100	100
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	28	24	69	66
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	73	70	93	87

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	10	19	46	20
Soybeans	7	16	31	35	11
Tobacco	2	23	17	39	19
Pasture	-	4	24	49	23

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	4	66	30
Topsoil (2002)	45	46	9	-
Subsoil Moisture	-	4	69	27
Subsoil (2002)	63	28	9	-

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